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Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Stikine River

Dear Secretary Jewell:

Attached is a letter dated August 27, 1992, in which the State of Alaska provided notice—pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2409a(m)—of its intent to file a quiet title action to the submerged lands underlying the Stikine River, among other rivers. By way of this letter, the State seeks to renew and clarify that prior notice as it pertains to the Stikine River. Those portions of the bed of the Stikine River that are permanently or periodically covered by tidal water up to the line of mean high tide were included in a Disclaimer of Interest by the United States filed in *Alaska v. United States*, 546 U.S. 413 (2006) (Glacier Bay). To the extent the United States continues to dispute the State's title, in not less than 180 days, the State intends to sue to quiet title to the submerged lands underlying the Stikine River. This includes all land between the ordinary high water lines of the left and right banks from the Alaska/Canada International Border in T 60 S., R. 86 E., Copper River Meridian, Alaska, downstream to all points of confluence at its mouth in the Eastern Passage, Dry Strait and Frederick Sound, within T. 60 S., R. 82 E.; T. 61

Exhibit 2

Letter to Secretary of Agriculture and the Interior
December 27, 2013
S., R. 83 E. and T. 61 S., R. 84 E.; and T. 62 S., R. 82, 83 and 84 E., Copper River
Meridian, Alaska.

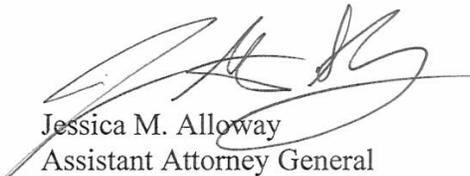
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Title to these lands passed to Alaska at statehood based on the equal footing doctrine, the Submerged Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. §§ 1301 *et seq.*, and the Alaska Statehood Act, 72 Stat. 339, 48 U.S.C. note preceding § 21.

Sincerely,

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August 27, 1992

Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Lujan:

The State of Alaska intends to file real property quiet title actions as to the submerged lands described on the list attached as appendix A, and is providing you this notice pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2409a(m). Title to these lands passed to Alaska at statehood based on the equal footing doctrine, the Submerged Land Act of May 22, 1953, P.L. 83-31, 67 Stat. 29, 43 U.S.C. §§1301 et seq., and the Alaska Statehood Act of July 7, 1958, P.L. 85-508, 72 Stat. 339, 48 U.S.C. note preceding §21.

Sincerely,

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Attachment

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Appendix A to letter of August 27, 1992.

Colville Region

Mouth of Colville River to Nuka River
Mouth of Kuna River to Chefornak

Northwest Region

Mouth of Agiapuk River to American River
Mouth of American River to Budd Creek
Mouth of Buckland River to West Fork
Mouth of Fish River to Omilak Creek
Mouth of Niukluk River to Council
Mouth of Kobuk River to Lower Kobuk Canyon
Mouth of Koyuk River to Dime Landing
Mouth of Kuzitrin River to Noxapaga River
Mouth of Noxapaga River to Turner Creek
Mouth of Noatak River to Aniak River
Mouth of Selawik River to Kugarak River
Shaktoolik River
Throat River
Ungalik River
Mouth of Unalakleet River to Tenmile Creek

Koyukuk River Region

Mouth of Hogatza River to Hog Landing
Mouth of Koyukuk River to Bettles
Mouth of Middle Fork to Wiseman

Upper Yukon Region

Mouth of Bearpaw River to Diamond
Mouth of Beaver Creek to Victoria Creek
Birch Creek
Mouth of Black River to Boundary
Mouth of Chandalar River to North and West Forks
Mouth of Charley River to Bear Creek
Mouth of Chatanika River to Steese Highway Bridge
Christian River
Mouth of Coleen River to Lake Creek (59 miles)
Mouth of Crooked Creek to Bridge
Grass River
Mouth of Hess Creek to North and South Forks
Mouth of Hodzana River to Pitka Fork (79 miles)
Jim Lake
Mouth of Kandik River to Boundary
Mouth of Nation River to Boundary

Mouth of Porcupine River to Boundary
Ray River
Mouth of Seventymile River to Barney Creek
Mouth of Sheenjek River to Thluickohnjik Creek
Mouth of Tatonduk River to Boundary

40 Mile Area

Forty Mile River
Mouth of North Fork Forty Mile River to Kink
Mouth of South Fork Forty Mile River to Mosquito Fork

South Central Region

Mouth of Chulitna River to Tokositna River
Mouth of Kasilok River to Tustumena Lake
Mouth of Kenai River to Kenai Lake
Kenai Lake
Knik River
Lake Louise and outlet
Lake Tustumena
Mouth of Skwentna River to Portage Creek
Susitna Lake
Mouth of Susitna River to Indian River
Mouth of Talkeetna River to Chumilna Creek
Mouth of Tokositna River to Home Lake Outlet
Tyone Lake
Mouth of Tyone River to Tyone Lake
Mouth of Yentna River to confluence of its East and West Forks
Johnson River
Red River

Tanana Region

Mouth of Chena River to North Fork
Mouth of Chisana River to Scottie Creek
Mouth of Goodpasture River to Central Creek
Harding Lake
Healy Lake and outlet
Johnson River
Mouth of Kantishna River to Lake Minchumina
Lake George and outlet
Lake Mansfield and outlet
Mouth of Nabesna River to Nabesna Mine
Mouth of Nenana River to Healy River
Mouth of Salcha River to Paldo Creek
Mouth of Tanana River to Nabesna and Chisana Rivers
Mouth of Teklanik River to near Coma Lake
Mouth of Tetlin River to Tetlin Lake
Mouth of Tolovana River to West Fork
Mouth of Wood River to Fish Creek

Middle Yukon River

Mouth of Innoko River to Cripple Creek
Mouth of Iditarod River to Iditarod
Khotol River
Little Melozitna River
Melozitna River
Mouth of Nowitna River and Sulstna Rivers to Tamarack Creek
Tozitna River

Lower Yukon Region

Anvik River
Bonasila River
Kotlik River
Nulato River
Pastolik River

Kuskokwim River Region

Mouth of Aniak River to Salmon River
Mouth of Big River to Otter Creek
Mouth of Chukowan River to Gemuk River
Crooked Creek
Mouth of East Fork Kuskokwim River to Slow Fork and Tonzona River
Mouth of Gemuk River to Beaver Creek
Mouth of George River to Julian Creek
Mouth of Holitna River to Chukowan River
Hoholitna River
Mouth of Johnson River from Mud Creek Portage to Crooked Creek
Mouth of Johnson River to Nunapitchuk and Atmautluak
Kisaralik River
Mouth of Kuguklik River to Kipnuk
Kulik Lake
Mouth of Kuskokwim River to North Fork
Little Tonzona River
Mouth of Middle Fork and Big River to Salmon River
Mouth of Middle Fork Kuskokwim River to Pitka Fork
Mouth of Nixon Fork to its West Fork
Mouth of North Fork Kuskokwim to Lake Minchumina Portage
Mouth of South Fork Kuskokwim River to Tatina River
Mouth of Stoney River to Lime Village
Mouth of Swift Fork to Highpower Creek
Mouth of Tokotna River to Fourth of July Creek
Mouth of Talbiksok River to Yukon-Kuskokwim Portage
Mouth of Tuluksak River to Upper Land
Whitefish Lake and outlet

Bristol Bay Region

Alec River
Aniakchak River

Black Lake
Mouth of Chignik River to Black Lake.
Chikumiruk Lake
Chilikadrotna River
Chulitna River
Clark River
Mouth of Copper River to Falls
Dago Creek
Dog Salmon River
Eek River
Egegik River and Becharof Lake
Gibraltar Lake and outlet
Mouth of Goodnews River to Watlamuse Creek
Mouth of Igushik River to Amanka Lake
Illianna Lake
Mouth of Illianna River to Forks
Mouth of Kanektok River to Kagati Lake
Kakhonak Lake
Mouth of King Salmon River to Olds Creek
Mouth of Kvichak River to Illianna Lake
Lake Aleknagik
Lake Chavekuktuli
Lake Clark
Lake Beverly
Lake Kulik
Lake Nerka
Lower Pike Lake and outlet
Kokwok River
Koktuli River
Muklung River
Mouth of Mulchatna River to Summit Creek
Mouth of Naknek River to Naknek Lake
Negukthlik River
Newhalen River
Nishlik Lake
Mouth of Nushagak River to New Stuyahok
Mouth of Nuyakuk River to Nuyakuk Lake
Ongoke River
Osviak River
Quigmy River
Pile River
Ruth Lake and outlet
Mouth of Smelt Creek to Smelt Lake
Mouth of Snake River to Nunavaugaluk Lake
Stuyahok River
Tazmina River
Mouth of Togiak River to Togiak Lake
Turuk River
Ualik Lake
Mouth of Ugashik River to Lower and Upper Ugashik Lakes
Upruk Lake
Weary River

Mouth of Wood River to Lake Aleknagik

Copper River Region

Mouth of Bering River to near Bering Lake
Mouth of Chitna River to Tana River
Mouth of Copper River to Batzulnetas (above Slana)
Crosswind Lake
Mouth of Eyak River and Eyak Lake
Mouth of Klutina River to Klutina Lake
Lowe River
Miles Lake and outlet
Nelchina River
Tasruna River
Mouth of Tazlina River to Tazlina Lake

Southeast Region

Chilkat River
Chilkoot River
Stikine River

Kodiak Island and Shelikof Strait Region

Afognak Lake
Mouth of Afognak River to the remains of the Bridge *Ne*
Akalura and Red Lakes
Mouth of Aniakchak River to Albert Johnson Creek
Karluk Lake
Mouth of Karluk River to Karluk Lake

Statewide Region

Yukon River